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Small Saving, Big Spending.

President Taft preaches economy. Sim-
ultaneously he pledges himself to ask
Congress to authorize a bond issue of
\$10,000,000 to pay for the completion of
the work of land reclamation in the arid
and semi-arid West. The economy he
advices is comprised in reduction of mili-
tary expenditures and in retrenchments
in the cost of administration in the civil
service. The second of these economies,
if practicable against the outside pres-
sure for appointments and the inside
aspiration for higher salaries, would be a
saving at the spigot compared with the
outgo suggested by a charge against the
Treasury for irrigation.

That plan stimulates at once other
propositions for national expenditure. If
thirty deserts can be made to blossom
with water, why not make swamp lands
productive by drainage, the bill to be
paid by the nation? The query is strictly
logical. The drainage plan, it might
be suggested by its advocates, would pay
for itself in reclaimed land values, as
did irrigation. When it ceases to bring
adequate returns, then Uncle Sam can
make up the deficit. Simultaneously will
be stirred into activity the advocates of
inland waterways and of the completion
of a continuous waterway from Massa-
chusetts to Florida, along the Atlantic
coast. Their position also is logical, and
their coming convention will give it em-
phatic expression, even to the advocacy
of a liberal bond issue. It will be urged
that all these are investments for the
benefit of future generations, and will
be additions to the aggregate wealth of
the country. In a general sense, that
is the statement of an undisputed prin-
ciple, but their simultaneous presentation
will in itself invite opposition.

His Dignity Unimpaired.

An enthusiastic reporter for a New
York paper, present at the flight made
by Wilbur Wright the other day, stated
that Capt. Manuel Yzaguirre, of the
Mexican navy, so far forgot his dignity
as to throw his cap into the air. The
statement so grieved the officer that he
and the Mexican vice consul called at
the office of the guilty paper and asked
that the report be denied. It was made
clear that the captain did not throw his
cap in the air, for he was not in uniform,
but wore a silk hat, and did not throw
that into the air or do anything else at
variance with the dignity of a naval
officer.

All this on the first page of a New York
contemporary brings up the question of
dignity in the service.

Is it possible that army and navy officers
at the annual football game at
Franklin Field have forgotten their dig-
nity when they cheer the players? Should
Gen. Edwards be court-martialed for sit-
ting in a box near the players' bench at
the Nationals' park whenever he can get
away to attend the games? Should Wil-
liam Howard Taft be deposed as Com-
mander-in-Chief of the United States
forces because he applauded Orville
Wright's flight from Fort Myer to Alexan-
dria and back, or because he shook hands
with the players on the Cubs and Giants
teams at Chicago a month ago? Must
the officers stationed at Fort Wayne re-
main away from the games at Detroit
next week lest they might forget their
dignity and cheer?

Did not Theodore Roosevelt use the
word "Bully" several times while he
was the occupant of the White House? It
is even of record that victorious troops
on their return home from the field of
battle have been welcomed with great
demonstrations. Is it possible that any-
thing was done at that time that lowered
the dignity of the service?

Probably the manual at other
nations defines the word "dignity," but
in this country demonstration of enthusi-
asm is not proscribed. Should an Ameri-
can officer be accused of throwing his
cap in the air, would he take the trouble
to ask for a correction?

The Negro's Dancer.

The death rate among negroes in the
South has caused some of the leaders of
the race to take alarm. When the African
was transplanted in America as a
slave, the master was likely to take care
of his body, merely as an investment.
But with freedom has ensued a tendency
to crowd into cities and to take up seden-
tary and indoor occupations. There is
danger of another illustration that a race
savage by inheritance cannot endure civil-
ization without some guardianship. A
colony of white men may flourish and
multiply in Africa, but the proposition
cannot be reversed. The mind of the
negro has shown itself capable of ab-
sorbing the fruits of white civilization.
But granted his mental capacity, what of
his body? The mind may wait during
generations for its development, but the
body cannot.

Now, the thoughtful among the negroes
are appealing to them to save themselves.
But this is a task that the health authori-

ties cannot shirk with either humanity
or safety. Moreover, free negro labor is
an economic asset, especially when it can
be kept employed in Southern agriculture.
He cannot be expected to save himself.
He will long need guidance and guardian-
ship. This has illustration. Two genera-
tions of freedom have not improved the
negro in Jamaica; in Haiti he shows de-
generation into barbarism; his betterment
in Cuba is individual, not general; even
in protected Liberia he has barely held
his own and has achieved little indus-
trial development. It is apparent that
the sanitation of the negro must be com-
pulsory, and his voluntary co-operation
must be won with patient and firm per-
sistence.

The October Bride.

Why the June bride in song and story
to the approximate exclusion of all other
brides?

Not that we have anything whatsoever
to say that is not all in praise of her—
bless her!—and warmly appreciative of
course; but why should she be idealized
far beyond that saccharine standard
vouchsafed her no less deserving sisters?

As a month of beauty, promise, and
gladness, October has far the better of
it when compared with June. The plain,
unvarnished truth is, June is a pretty
lazy, hazy, languid month, and while it
is upon us it is something of a bore.
Marriages scheduled for June are largely
products of February, March, and April
speculation. Distance lends enchantment
to the Julietine, as brutal as a recital
of the facts may seem to those of ar-
dently sentimental persuasion. Antici-
pating June is an unalloyed, sweet de-
light; realizing it is a painful awakening.
We doubt not that James Russell Lowell
was sitting forth by a cheerful winter
fire when he wrote—

"O what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days."

But October! There is a different story.
Weddings planned for that month are
wisely conceived and all but invariably
happy in every circumstance. The golden-
rod, the chrysanthemum, the yellow and
gold and red of the changing leaves of
the forests—these furnish a setting for
the picture such as no June was dreamed
of in the sixth month's poor philosophy.
In October one dearly loves to be alive;
in June one merely does not wish to die.

We sing the October bride! May all
that life holds sacred and most dear be
hers! Grand the inspiration that prompts
her to choose October for her wedding
day—October, when—

"Earth is all in splendor dress;
Queenly fair, she sits at rest,
While the deep, delicious day
Dreams its happy life away."

Matt Henson made a clean and un-
disputed get-away with all the seal-brown
glory attaching and appertaining to the
north pole discovery, anyway.

Every time our accumulated woes seem-
ingly become more than we can bear,
Mr. George Barr McCutcheon comes along
with a new "Graustark" novel, and our
optimism is restored because of the
knowledge that we do not have to read it.

One of the delightful things about
pemmican is that you use a mallet and a
chisel instead of a knife and a fork when
you sit down to eat a portion.

We regard it as quite a happy circum-
stance that the present Indian summer
runs not at all to the Crazy Snake and
Sitting Bull variety.

Mr. Wu thinks "we have had the last
great war on earth." If Mr. Wu happens
around this town the next time the
D. A. Rters meet in national convention,
it is an easy money bet he will change
his mind.

A Pennsylvania grafter recently round-
ed up in Burkville has been sent to jail.
Good scheme! That beats sending him
to the legislature.

Mrs. Annie Besant says "everybody
will be wealthy 2,000 years from now."
However, you cannot discount your share
of this promised prosperity, no matter
how liberal the terms you offer.

"Go West, young man!" Or go South,
or East, or North. You cannot very
well miss it in this great country, if
you have the right sort of stuff in you.

A Georgia minister advances the sug-
gestion that the State institute a rigid
quarantine against all shipments of in-
toxicating liquors from the outside.
Likely as not, the Georgia moonshiners
will favor this idea.

"Can Theodore Roosevelt prove that
he discovered Africa?" inquires the
Cleveland Leader. If he says he did, he
will not have to prove it.

"A physician says that saving wood
is a splendid remedy for gout," says the
Dayton News. The trouble about that is
so few people with the gout ever learned
to save wood.

Between the highbrow scientists and
the highball scientists, the truth of the
Cook-Pearry controversy will be forever
hopelessly muddled, in all probability.

Since it has been discovered that Gen.
Fred Grant favors the restoration of
the army cantons, we fear the untra-
ditionalists will conclude that he is
not entitled to more than one wing and
half a halo pending further considera-
tion.

Old Dr. Cook's method of fixing the
mental altitude of the public seems to be
all right, but he must admit that Prof.
Pearry's insinuating interference helped
things along mightily.

Mr. Booth Tarkington believes "there
is money in raising chickens." Mr. Tar-
kington is a better writer than judge of
fiction, we suspect.

So far as the truthfulness of "Laugh
and the world laughs with you" is con-
cerned, Mr. Taft may conclude eventually
that it does not apply altogether to the
Middle West, at least.

The ice trust in New York is to be put
on trial for conspiracy. This will so in-
terest the public that it will be expected
to forget all about the grand, gloomy,
and peculiar things the coal trust is do-
ing to it.

Maxine Elliott is reported to "resent
being called King Edward's summer girl."
From which we infer that the fair Max-
ine's press agent is not at all averse to
making a little hay while the sun shines.

The English Parliament has been ad-
journing for one week in order to avoid
unpleasant discussion of certain pending
legislation. The Congress of the United

States might emulate this worthy ex-
ample, much to the delight of its many
friends, now and then, but it probably
will not.

Dope springs eternal in the baseball
pest.

That Kansas City man who recently re-
nounced the ministry to become a street
car conductor probably will do to watch.
He says he did it because he found that
it is an impossibility to be a minister and
an honest man simultaneously.

"A Boston politician talked twelve hours
the other day without letting his audience
know the state of his mind," says the
Knockville Sentinel. We infer from this
that he was talking in New York, Phila-
delphia, or some other unpollished
community.

"The addition of ice or water to shocked
oysters is an adulteration, and unlawful,"
rules the Ohio State board of health.
Does the milkman not see a little cloud
on the horizon, no bigger than a man's
hand?

CHAT OF THE FORUM.

Mr. Fairbanks Abroad.
From the Atlanta Constitution.
Mr. Fairbanks' tour of Europe is as quiet as his
career was as Vice President of this republic.

Gov. Wilson's Duty.
From the Springfield Union.
The duty of Gov. Wilson, as it has been from
the beginning, is to assert the authority that he
possesses to put an end to night rider crimes at
any cost.

Mr. Livingston's Trouble.
From the Springfield Republican.
Congressman Livingston, of Georgia, for
supporting Speaker Cannon, now has to face in his
own district the cry of party treason. But Georgia
may not care.

Gov. Hughes Surprised.
From the New York Sun.
How surprised Gov. Hughes must have been to
know that it was Herbert Parsons' honorable and
unquestioning devotion to him that proved the un-
doing of one gallant loud leader.

Mr. Aldrich's Central Bank.
From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.
The Aldrich central bank project is now before
the country. Every banker is studying it. Every
business man of large interests or small is considering
it. No one is yet ready for decision.

Dr. Lowell's View of Duty.
From the Boston Transcript.
We are here for our time, officers and students
alike. President Lowell told the students in the
auditorium, but we here also and the tones of his
rich and expressive voice depend—those who
shall come after us.

Mr. Penrose's Familiar Plea.
From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.
Senator Penrose's address to the textile workers
in Kensington has no reference to the local cam-
paign—except the old plea, at closing, to stand by
the party and defend the tariff. This is a plea long
familiar in Philadelphia.

Mr. Aldrich Explains.
From the New York Journal of Commerce.
Senator Aldrich has been explaining his maximum
rate in Paris, and is reported to have al-
ready explained it in French measure, but in doing
so he has disclosed the tremendous and enormous dis-
cretion the law imposes upon the President.

Mr. Wright's Achievement.
From the Chicago Record-Herald.
Wright has flown above the water a distance
as great as across the English Channel. He had
gone at an average speed of 25.5 miles per hour
over the river and at an average speed of 43.7 miles
down the river. The general average was equal to
that of an express train.

Birthday Greetings.
From the Washington Times.
Congratulations are in order for our
esteemed contemporary, The Washington
Herald, on the occasion of its third an-
niversary. It is to be hoped that its
future will be as successful as its brief
but brilliant past.

May Help Consumers.
From the Chicago News and Courier.
The price of watches has been ad-
vanced. We presume that this is be-
cause the Republican party wished to
give the consumer the opportunity of
pawing his for more.

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A LITTLE NONSENSE.

FAMILIAR MUSIC.
The radiator pipes a lay.
That speaks of fall.
Necessantly it croons away
Against the wall.

And now and then it seems to stop
To gather steam;
Then rises to a truly op-
eratic scream.

Its minor note does not offend;
But few delights,
I frankly must admit, attend
Its higher flights.

The radiator lacks the skill
For classic parts;
But may, in plain home vaudeville,
Win human hearts.

One Problem.
"What's that fellow been putting over
all these years?"
"Trying to find some use for the burnt
matches."

An Expensive Production.
"You were very lavish with the snow-
storm in the third act."
"Yes," explained the manager, "I
bought that snow when white paper was
not so high as it is now."

A Mean Thrust.
"I've closed my restaurant for re-
pairs and improvements."
"Going to renovate the sandwiches?"

By Degrees.
"Hubby, do you like my new hat?"
"I guess I can learn to like it," answer-
ed hubby, after viewing the latest fall
effect.

Delightful Shopping.
"I'd squander money by the bale
And wildly buy
If I could find a bargain sale
Or remnant pile."

Nothing Long.
"You say the new minister is extremely
popular?"
"Yes; he preaches sermonettes."

One Reason.
"Look at that team of horses trotting
along sedately. Why can't men and
women get along as nicely in double
harness?"
"Well, the men won't wear blinders.
Must rubber at the other girls."

MOST COSTLY APARTMENT.

New York Has One Renting for
\$25,000 a Year.

From the New York World.
Apartments at \$25,000 a year are an-
nounced in one of New York's latest
houses of multiple dwellings. More mag-
nificent than the rental figures them-
selves is the fact that they are set forth
quite casually. The man may happen in-
to-morrow who finds the \$25,000 sum ex-
actly what he wants. He is a man one
may meet anywhere on the street to-day.
The yesterday is not many years past
when he was an exceptional being and
when a \$25,000 apartment would have been
built only on his special order—not on
the landlord's chance of his appearance.
So have we progress in the plutocracy not
alone of the owner, but of the tenant.
We have in his fullness the lessee who
can afford extravagantly not to own the
sumptuous roof over his head; the dwell-
er who seeks to minimize not the cost
but the domiciliary responsibilities of
living.

There are twenty-four rooms in this
\$25,000 suite—a different one if the tenant
chooses, for each hour's meditations in
a long day. There are nine bath rooms,
as though it were assumed that clean-
liness is inevitably next to money-god-
liness. For an ultramodern dwelling
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above modern conveniences.

It is true on less than the income of
\$25,000 at 4 per cent, men live honestly
in New York, pay modest rents, raise
comely children, and are happy in the
fear of despoliation. If this were not so,
not even nine bath rooms could atone for
the lack of security to the contractor for
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PEOPLE AND THINGS

Diamonds More Costly.
More than half a million dollars is the
value of the diamonds imported into this
country in September. One of the im-
porters in New York City said that dealers
throughout the country had depleted their
stocks in the last two years, and that
whereas there is no unusual demand
at present, importers are stocking up
heavily in anticipation of a big demand
later in the season. He said that he had
just received a letter from abroad which
informed him that the accumulated stock
of rough diamonds has been wiped out by
the active buying of American importers.
The demand for good stones has enabled
the diamond syndicate gradually to in-
crease its prices, three increases of about
5 per cent having been announced on the
finer stones since the early part of the
year.

Reporting Big Dinners.
The rest of the country often calls New
York City provincial. The metropolis is
self-centered. It is said, and narrow in
its comparisons. There was much elation
in Manhattan over the Hudson-Pulton
banquet, when 2,000 persons were in the
dining-room. Reporters were present.
But now comes the Providence Journal
with the proud boast that at a banquet
in that city on February 23 last Father
Knickerbocker, had been present, could
have counted 2,390 "enthusiastic diners" in the State memory. They have
big dinners in Boston, also. But in
Boston the frugal hosts will not admit
newspaper reporters to these feasts unless
the scribes pledge themselves in advance
not to eat of the precious food. It would
seem that the self-respecting newspaper
in Boston could afford to buy tickets to
these repasts, so that their representa-
tives could at once eat and preserve their
self-respect. Otherwise the editors might
agree to ignore the banquets in their
news columns. Their readers could en-
dure the deprivation of reports, and such
a course might bring some snobbish com-
mittees to realize that such a business
of reporting is a business of gentlemen.

Municipal Conventions.
The fifth annual convention of the
American Civic Association, to be held
at Cincinnati November 12-15, will be dis-
tinguished by the presence of men and
women who have been leaders in the
national-wide movement for the making
of a beautiful America. There will be dis-
cussions relative to future activities in
city planning, forestry, school gardens,
tree culture, playgrounds, the abatement
of the billboard, and smoke nuisances,
and the preservation of scenic beauty
as Niagara Falls and the Yosemite.
Conservation of natural resources
will be a theme. J. Horace McFarland,
of Hildsburg, Ill., will preside. In con-
junction with the convention of the
American Civic Association will be held
the fifteenth annual meeting of the Na-
tional Municipal League, presided over
by Charles J. Bonaparte.

A Cure for Drunkards.
Here is a cure for both alcoholism and
the drug habit. It is announced by Dr.
Alexander Lambert, of the Cornell Medi-
cal College, who has experimented with
many cases at Bellevue Hospital. No mat-
ter how much a slave to those habits
the subject may have become, Dr. Lam-
bert believes he can restore will power
and self-respect in as brief a period as
five days. He does not impair the ethics
of the profession by advertising this as
a secret process. The ingredients of the
remedy are tincture of belladonna, fluid
extract of prickly ash, and fluid extract
of hysocamus, which, mingled in the
proper proportions, will eradicate the
craving which has ruined so many lives
and homes.

A Keen English Lad.
Here is a tale of an English lad that
revolves of Yankee enterprise. He was
discovered by a London traveler at a
small railway station in the west country.
The train stopped for two minutes, and
the boy was seen climbing on the platform.
He was halted and a sixpence given to
him, with the order to run over to the
refreshment room and get a bath-bun.
"Buy one for yourself and bring me
the change," added the passenger. The
boy came back munching his bun. He
surprised the gentleman by returning
fourpence. "He had only one bun left,"
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